

CHANGE IN THE APPLICATION FEES FOR A VISA TO THE UNITED STATES

The Consular Section informs the general public that as of **Friday April 13, 2012**, the visa fees will be adjusted to better reflect the costs for providing these services. This is based on the study in December 2011 by the Bureau of Consular Affairs Service Cost model and projections of the Department of State for Management 2012, which estimates process 10.5 million Nonimmigrant visas and 1 million Immigrants visas.

On April 13, 2012 the processing fees for nonimmigrant visas and immigrant visas will be modified as follows:

Nonimmigrant Visa Processing Fees

<i>Type of Visa</i>	<i>Previous Fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>
Tourist, Business, Transit, Crew Member, Student, Exchange Visitor, and Journalist visas	\$140	\$160
Petition-Based visas (H, L, O, P, Q, and R)	\$150	\$190
Treaty Investor and Trader visas (E)	\$390	\$270
Fiancé(e) visas (K)	\$350	\$240
Border Crossing Card (age 15 and older)	\$140	\$160
Border Crossing Card (under age 15)	\$14	\$15

Immigrant Visa Processing Fees

<i>Type of Visa</i>	<i>Previous Fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>
Immediate Relative and Family Preference Applications	\$330	\$230
Employment-Based Applications	\$720	\$405
Other Immigrant Visa Applications	\$305	\$220
Diversity Visa Program Fee	\$440	\$330
Determining Returning Resident Status	\$380	\$275

Note: For fees that are increasing, receipts for payments made prior to the fee changes will be accepted for 90 days after the fee takes effect, or through July 12, 2012. In categories where fees are declining, no refunds will be available for those who paid prior to the effective date; however, these receipts are valid for the usual one year from the date of issuance.